

Books on Tape Update

Idaho Commission for Libraries

Talking Book Service

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Library Highlight: Lewiston City Library

428 Thain Road

Lewiston, ID 83501

208-743-6519

www.cityoflewiston.org/library

Library hours:

Monday through Thursday,
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Volunteer Sharon with deliveries to Homebound Service participants

The Homebound Service and Talking Books webpages on the Lewiston City Library website offer a wealth of information about the services and materials that the library offers to those who are homebound or require reading alternatives. But it's hard to convey on a website the passion and caring of Homebound Service coordinator Linda Dahl, the library staff, and the volunteers who brighten the lives of the patrons who use these services.

Over 70 patrons, living at home or in assisted living facilities, participate in Homebound Service.

Library staff members get to know the reading preferences of these patrons and are always on the lookout for authors or a new series that might interest them.

The local quilting club contributes to the Homebound Service by making quilted book bags for delivery. The bags are beautiful and unique, and patrons keep the bags until they are ready to return the books. Linda loves the days that patrons send notes back in the pockets of the bags. One patron said, "I can't get to the library because I can't drive anymore. I

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don't know what I'd do without you." Linda keeps a journal of testimonials like this, and says "Nothing can top a day like that."

In addition to the Homebound Service, Lewiston City Library also offers over 5,800 large print books; 1,400 audio cassette books; 1,300 books on CD-ROM; Playaways; a spare TBS player for patrons to borrow if theirs breaks down; and MP3 players to try out. They also offer assistance with downloading eAudiobooks, and even developed a "cheat sheet" to help patrons download their books at home.

Linda would like to share with other libraries how rewarding it is to offer these services to patrons. She says it takes organization, dedication, and volunteers, but once you implement a program, the appreciation of the patrons makes it so worthwhile.



Quilters deliver books in book bags made by the quilting group

TBS Awareness Day

**Beat the Heat...
cool ways to
thrive after 45**



Are you Aware of Talking Book Service (TBS) Awareness Day?! The National Library Service has identified Thursday, August 20 as "Talking Book Service Awareness Day" to increase knowledge of the service nationwide. Here's what we have planned for Idaho:

1. Libraries statewide are invited to host an Open House any day during the week of August 17-21. Using the theme "Beat the Heat: How to Thrive After 45," libraries can invite community members in to share information on both the Talking Book Service and the other resources they offer that are usable by those requiring reading alternatives. Posters, press releases, and sunglasses are available for all participating libraries. Plus, no celebration is complete without treats, provided by the libraries.

TBS Awareness Day cont'd

2. Organizations who work with those requiring reading alternatives can promote the day through fliers and newsletters, or partner with their local library to publicize the event.

3. Talking Book Service users are encouraged to join the fun at their local libraries and/or write letters to the editor at their local newspapers sharing how the Talking Book Service has impacted their lives.

Share your activities with us (send to: sue.walker@libraries.idaho.gov) so that we can include them in our evaluation of the day's effectiveness; and keep cool!

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Magazine Corner

The Talking Book Service has magazines on tape:

- Direct (D) magazines come in a container with no return label; these you may keep.
- Circulating (C) magazines come in a container with a turnaround post card; these should be read first and returned within two weeks so other TBS users may receive them. You will receive the next issue when it becomes available.

Titles featured this quarter are on the topic of "Around the House."

Bon Appétit. Monthly. (D)
Cooking, entertainment and travel; includes recipes from restaurants.

Country. Bimonthly. (C)
Rural and small town living, crafts, and food reviews of country inns and farm vacations.

Consumer Reports. Monthly. (D)
Articles that rate consumer products.

Good Housekeeping. Monthly. (D)
Family and home management, food, and decorating.

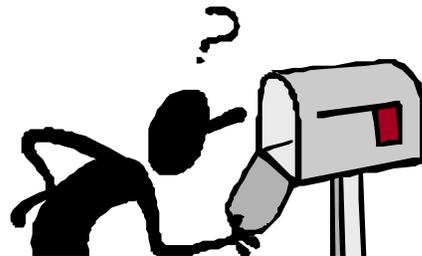
Horticulture. 8 issues per year. (D)
Gardening trends, products, and projects for amateur gardeners.

Money. 15 issues per year. (D)
Money management, consumer, and family issues.

Sunset. Monthly. (C)
Gardening, recipes, craft projects, home decorating, and travel in the western states.

Women's Day. 17 issues per year. (C)
Home management with recipes, crafts, and decorating ideas.

To order these titles, call the Talking Book Service at: 800-458-3271.



Are you missing books that you requested from TBS? We have received order forms that weren't signed. If one of these is *your* list, please call us at 800-458-3271 and let us know so we can send you the titles that you requested.

New Books Order Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

New Idaho Talking Books From Our Recording Studio

To order, check your selections and mail this pre-addressed order form, call 800-458-3271, or order online at:

<http://libraries.idaho.gov/TBS/CurrentBooks/Spring2009>.

Note: Please rewind the talking books before you return them.

_____ (VCT 1118) **Challenge the Wind**

Author: Christine Echeverria Bender Read By: Carla Stern

Experience 1492 through the eyes of a young Basque adventurer.

Domingo Laca, born to a family of whalers, feels the calling of the sea and hopes to sail to distant waters. He believes his dreams have been realized when he is invited to join Christopher Columbus on his voyage across the vast Atlantic Ocean. The young sailor and his fellow explorers soon learn that the new world and its inhabitants are far from what they expected.

3 Cassettes Adult Fiction

_____ (VCT 1119) **Idaho Snapshots**

Author: Rick Just Read By: Sue Vap

A compilation of true stories from the popular radio series of the same name, this book includes information on state symbols, geology, natural resources, wildlife, mining, agriculture, history, and biographies.

1 Cassette Adult Nonfiction

_____ (VCT 1120) **The Saints of God's Country**

Author: Edward Craner Read By: Maryan Stephens

A severe forest fire in the summer of 1910 serves as the backdrop for this novel set in the logging town of St. Maries, ID. Centered on a group of young adults about to make their way into the larger world, the book draws from the colorful lore of riverboat commerce, the struggle to make a life by logging the land, and the formation of the railroads, with the added drama of men and women fighting one of the most devastating natural disasters in recorded history.

2 Cassettes Adult Fiction

New Books Order Form (cont'd from p. 5)

_____ (VCT 1121) **Echoes from the Ada County Courthouse, 1938-2001**

Author: Arthur Hart

Read By: Maryan Stephens

Building the art-deco structure of the Ada County Courthouse in Boise, ID during the Great Depression gave hope in a time of despair to the many people who were employed in its construction and adornment. Judges, lawyers, clerks, and others tell the importance the building has had in the lives of the people who worked and did business there over 63 years of use.

1 Cassette Adult Nonfiction

_____ (VCT 1122) **My Mother Can Beat Up Your Father**

Author: Danny Langdon

Read By: Nichole Albertson

Widowed in 1946 at the age of 34, Marian Langdon became the rare woman who competed and succeeded in a man's world. The instant owner and operator of a scrap metal business, she not only used a cutting-torch in this rough business, but raised nine children, contributed to her community of Twin Falls, ID, and was Idaho's Mother of the Year. Marian's story, told by her youngest son, is filled with fascinating tales of mid-Twentieth Century Idaho, and serves as an inspiration for all of us today.

2 Cassettes Adult Nonfiction

_____ (VCT 1123) **Something's Cooking: The First Angie Amalfi Mystery**

Author: Joanne Pence

Read By: Maryan Stephens

The first of the Angie Amalfi Mystery Series. Add one spicy gourmet chef/food writer, a tasty homicide cop, and a course of deadly murders; shake well and sprinkle with arms smugglers and lethal food fanatics; and you end up with a delectable recipe for a great murder mystery.

2 Cassettes Adult Fiction (some sexual content)

_____ (VCT 1124) **Train of Innocents: The Story of the Kennedy Train**

Author: Everell Cummins

Read By: Susan Johnson

In 1862, Iowa farmer John Knox Kennedy led a wagon train into the Walla Walla Valley of Washington to settle and farm the valley's deep, rich top soil. These innocent farmers were unprepared for the rigors of military-style discipline Kennedy insisted on or the possibility of vicious weather and hostile natives. Their diaries and memoirs survived and the author has woven them together to provide a picture of what life was like on an eventful wagon train crossing.

2 Cassettes Adult Fiction

New Books Order Form (cont'd from p. 6)

_____ (VCT 1125) **On the Road: Twenty Great Day Trips from McCall**

Author: Kathy Hill

Read By: Tracie Lee

From Big Creek to Bear, Stibnite to the Seven Devils, all back roads from McCall lead to central Idaho's richest history and finest scenery. This book not only gives you the directions to twenty great day trips around McCall, it also relates the history of each site. Here is the information you need to enjoy the area's natural beauty and vibrant history.

2 Cassettes Adult Nonfiction

_____ (VCT 1127) **Idaho's Bunker Hill: the Rise and Fall of a Great Mining Company, 1885-1981**

Author: Katherine Aiken

Read By: Lana Thurston

Based on painstaking research, this book is a complex history of the Bunker Hill Company, northern Idaho's famous mining and smelting operation. It's the story of the relentless chase for corporate profits, volatile labor-management relations, the poisoning of the surrounding landscape, and the workers' persistent struggle to protect their health and safety in the face of the company's bottom-line management practices.

2 Cassettes Adult Nonfiction

_____ (VCT 1128) **Pioneer Voices of Priest Lake**

Author: Kris Smith

Read By: Sue Vap

This collection of oral histories is a fascinating window into the past of Priest Lake, ID. Pioneer Leonard Paul's recollections are enhanced with the addition of the next generation of Lake voices captured through the Priest Lake Museum oral history project begun in 1983. This book offers glimpses of Priest Lake before WW II through the words of those who experienced it.

1 Cassette Adult Nonfiction

_____ (VCT 1129) **Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science**

Author: Jeff Meldrum

Read By: Julie Iffla

For centuries people have seen a large, manlike creature in the woods of North America. Scholars and scientists dismiss these reports as nonsense and folklore. Now open-minded investigators are taking another look at what may really be going on in the Northwest. Objective and levelheaded, this book is the definitive summation of everything we know about one of the enduring puzzles of cryptozoology, a great American mystery.

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_____ (VCT 1130) **The Deep Dark: Tragedy and Redemption in America's Richest Silver Mine**

Author: Gregg Olsen

Read By: Susan Johnson

For nearly a century, Kellogg, ID was home to America's richest silver mine, the Sunshine Mine. Despite the risk, the promise of good money and the intense bonds of friendship brought men back year after year. On May 2, 1972, 174 miners entered Sunshine Mine on their daily quest for silver, when thick black smoke began pouring from one of the air shafts. A vivid and haunting chapter in the history of working-class America, this is one of the great rescue stories of the twentieth century. Idaho Library Association book of the year, 2005.

3 Cassettes Adult Nonfiction

_____ (VCT 1131) **Forged in Fire: Essays by Idaho Writers**

Editor: Mary Clearman Blew

Read By: Colette Cowman

Featuring essays by both established and novice writers and including two prize-winning stories, this book covers topics from escaping forest fires and smoke jumping, to fighting house fires and making campfires. The authors deal with human responses to fire—fear, courage, sadness—and the environmental response of regeneration.

2 Cassettes Adult Nonfiction

Digital Transition Update

The National Library Service moves forward with its transition to delivering materials in digital format. 10 top things to know about the transition:

1. The first NLS digital players for distribution to TBS users should be available this summer. By federal law, veterans have first access to these players. Veterans, please contact TBS as soon as possible (if you have not already done so) to be added to the player waiting list.
2. Those interested in receiving a player after all interested veterans have received theirs may call to be placed on the waiting list.
3. Players will be assigned to users in Good Standing. Before a player is sent, we will confirm your mailing address and contact information, and remind you to return overdue materials.
4. The player will come with large print, Braille, and audio instructions.
5. Users with digital players may also keep their cassette players to play those titles that are not circulated in digital format.
6. Magazines will be circulated in cassette format only.
7. BARD, a database of approximately 14,000 digital titles available for download, is at: <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/cgi-bin/nlsbardprod/index.cgi>.
8. Users with high speed Internet access can register to access BARD by contacting the Talking Book Service.
9. The Idaho Talking Book Service has one Humanware Victor Stream that will be loaned for four weeks to users with high speed Internet access and access to BARD. Call for more information.
10. More information on the digital transition is available at: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/collections> or call us at 800-458-3271.



New Digital Player

Volunteer Appreciation Event

In 2008, 76 volunteers donated 8,140 hours of their time to help with projects and programs at Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICFL).



Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Winther adds another 1,000 hours to the volunteer plaques for Liz Carpenter, Gayle Schabot, and June Ryther

On April 21, 2009, in celebration of National Volunteer Week and with gratitude to our dedicated volunteers, ICFL hosted "A Celebration of Accomplishments" and invited the volunteers to an event showcasing the results of volunteer labor. ICFL consultants and program coordinators set up displays of some of the projects crucial to ICFL literacy programs, networking and resource sharing, and talking book service, including Jumpstart Kits, LiLI Unlimited posters, and talking book machines and tapes.

ICFL staff described their programs and enumerated the many ways

that ICFL volunteers make a difference in the lives of library patrons around the state. Many volunteers mentioned that they enjoyed learning how their donations of time and energy contributed to the outcome of a program and were delighted to see the big picture of the results. They were also astounded to find out how much they had accomplished.

Other Volunteer Facts for 2008

- 5-year service certificates: Sandy Batt, Erma Krishnek, and Sharon Krishnek
- 10-year service certificates: Ken Cooper and Ruby Weaver
- 15-year service certificates: Bob Stevenson
- 2,000-hour awards: June Ryther and Gayle Schabot
- 4,000-hour awards: Liz Carpenter
- Books on tape mailed to TBS patrons and then received, inspected, and reshelved: 175,000
- Books on tape recorded: 34
- Magazine issues recorded: 28



Volunteers hear about their accomplishments in 2008

Be Part of TBS Quality Control

At ICFL we make every effort to provide good service to all of our TBS users. This includes supplying machines and materials that are in good condition and honoring requests from our users in a timely manner. As a TBS user, you can help us provide users with high-quality service and materials. Here are some of the ways you can contribute to TBS quality control.

Machines

The machines we are using now are no longer being manufactured and must be refurbished when they are damaged. So it's more important than ever to take care of our limited supply. You can help by doing the following:

- Return any machine that has been loaned to you that you are no longer using or that is an extra (one machine is allowed for each registered user; more may be allowed for an institution).
- Take good care of the machine that has been loaned to you:
 - Store and use it in a safe place—away from food, liquids, dust, or pets.
 - Keep it clean to avoid damage.
 - Charge the battery on a regular basis for longer battery life. (It's also okay to keep the machine plugged in.)

Books and Descriptive Videos

Because of dwindling supplies of cassette tapes, we request that you either return materials within the circulation period or request a renewal before the item is overdue. To help us process new requests faster, please do the following when you return materials:

- Rewind to the beginning of the odd-numbered side (1, 5, 9, etc.) before returning.
- Make sure that the mailing case is clean and that there are no personal items or debris in it.
- Replace all of the cassettes into the correct mailing case, with the Braille side up to prevent damage.
- Make note of damaged or missing tapes so we don't send them back out to any users:
 - Place one check mark in the upper right hand corner of the mailing label to indicate that the title is damaged.
 - Place two check marks in the upper right hand corner to indicate the title is damaged and you would like to receive an undamaged copy.

Thank you for taking the time to read this column. Providing good service is rewarding to us, and we hope that you'll feel as good about contributing to the process.

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New Employee at ICFL



Stefanie Gunter joined the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICFL) in April, where she supports all ICFL projects. She supports TBS patrons by inspecting incoming TBS books,

and interacting with patrons to assign books and machines and update their accounts as needed. So the next time you call ICFL, it just might be her friendly voice that you hear.

Stefanie has been married for almost 19 years and has four children. She loves to crochet, read mysteries, and play the piano. She also volunteers at the Idaho State Veteran's Home on Saturdays. Oh, and she **LOVES** to cook/bake/invent her own recipes!